

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Oral Hygiene
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of funds released for the implementation of schemes related to oral hygiene over the last three years, State/ UT-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any action for oral health services for those living in interior rural areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government will provide financial assistance for oral procedures and aids such as braces to children in rural areas for whom oral health care is essential and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government will incentivise health care providers and doctors to set up practises in rural areas?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): The details of funds released under National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) during the last three years, State/UT-wise, are at Annexure.

(b): Government has launched National Oral Health Programme (NOHP) in the year 2014-15 to strengthen the public health facilities of the country for an accessible, affordable & quality oral health care delivery with an aim to:

1. Improvement in the determinants of oral health e.g. healthy diet, oral hygiene improvement etc. and to reduce disparity in oral health accessibility in rural & urban population.
2. Reduce morbidity from oral diseases by strengthening oral health services at Sub district/district hospital to start with.
3. Integrate oral health promotion and preventive services with general health care system and other sectors that influence oral health.
4. Promotion of Public Private Partnerships (PPP) for achieving public health goals.

The program has two components as under:

NHM Component: This is for the support of health facilities [District level and below] of the states with the following components of a Dental Unit:

- â€¢ Manpower support [Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant]
- â€¢ Equipments including dental Chairs
- â€¢ Consumables for dental procedures

Tertiary Component:

- â€¢ Designing IEC materials like Posters, TV, Radio Spots, Training Modules
- â€¢ Organizing national, regional nodal officers training programme to enhance the programme management skills and review the status of the programme.
- â€¢ Preparing State/District level Trainers by conducting national, regional workshops to train the paramedical health functionaries associated in health care delivery.

(c) to (d): It is the responsibility of States/UTs to prioritize and provide comprehensive oral health care services to its citizens including braces to children in rural areas. All oral health care services proposed by the States/UTs in their Programme Implementation Plan (PIP) are considered in the Department of Health & Family Welfare. Further, under the NHM component of NOHP, States/UTs can seek support for setting up of Dental Care Units including the following components:

- â€¢ Equipments including Dental Chairs, X-rays
- â€¢ Consumables
- â€¢ Manpower including Dental Surgeons, Dental Assistants, Dental Hygienists

